

Mendon Planning Commission Minutes
April 2, 2018

Present: Justin Lindholm, Fred Bagley, Neil Langer, Phil Douglas and Teri Corsones were present. The draft minutes of March 7, 2018 were approved as written. Teri distributed a copy of Senate Bill 204, which the Legislature is currently considering regarding the registration and regulation of short term rentals. She will track the bill and let members know of the outcome.

Mendon Community Potluck Cook-Out: Elysa Smigielski from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission was present to continue the planning for the Mendon Community Potluck Cook-Out scheduled for Saturday, June 9 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Mendon Recreation Area. The rain date will be June 10. Fred indicated that the Mendon Historical Society and the Economic Development Committee are willing to co-host the event with the Planning Commission and the Select Board. Elysa distributed a draft postcard invitation that will be mailed to each household in the beginning of May. The different co-hosts will be asked to send out reminder e-mails to their lists in late May. Elysa will e-mail the final version of the invitation to members for their review. Phil will check whether Barstow can distribute the invitations to the Mendon students.

Phil offered to lend tables, folding chairs and three tents that the Pug Rescue group owns. Elysa will check whether students who need community service hours can help set up and take down the tables, chairs and tents. An alternative is whether the road crew might be able to do set-up on Friday, June 8. Elysa will find a caterer for burgers, sausages and hot dogs. Grant funds can be used for those foods, as well as for paper goods and beverages. Town residents will be asked to bring a dish – last names ending in A-M will be asked to bring a side dish, and last names ending in N-Z will be asked to bring a dessert or snack item.

Elysa will create large sheets with a listing of the suggestions that were made in the surveys that were distributed at Town Meeting Day. The large sheets will be posted on the dug-outs at the picnic, and residents will be asked to rank their top five choices in the three broad areas covered by the survey: Types of new businesses; recreational opportunities; and what residents love most about Mendon. Teri will put together a Vermont product gift basket, and a kids' gift basket, to be given to the winners of a drawing at the end of the event. All persons who participate in the ranking will be eligible for the drawing. It was suggested that name tags be available for everyone in attendance.

Planning for the event will continue at the next Mendon Planning Commission meeting, scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. at the Mendon Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Corsones